



PS/2 keyboard and mouse connectors. Most keyboards and mice now use USB instead.



USB port. Used for mice, keyboards, printers, and more. USB 1.1 and 2.0 connectors look identical. Check your manual to see which type your PC has.



Network port. The eight-wire RJ-45 connector is the standard interface used to connect to a wired network.



Mini audio jack. These eighth-inch jacks come in several types and move audio around your sound system.



VGA monitor port. This connector is still the standard for linking an analog monitor to a graphics card.



Joystick connector. Most game controllers today connect to a USB port, so this jack is getting harder to find.



Toslink connectors. Used to carry digital audio to and from speakers and stereo gear.



RCA jack. These common ports can be used to carry composite video or audio in digital or analog format.



Parallel printer port. Though many printers use faster USB ports, some still carry this aging connector.



IEEE 1394 port. Also known as FireWire (Apple originally developed and trademarked it), IEEE 1394 is a high-speed (400 mbps) connection that's often used to transfer digital video between a camcorder and a PC or to connect an external hard drive.



S-Video jack. Though similar to PS/2 ports, these connectors have fewer pins and carry TV-style analog video.



DVI monitor port. Lets you connect a digital LCD monitor. Hooking up an analog monitor requires an adapter.



RJ-11 modem jack. This jack lets you connect to a standard phone line.



Serial port. Although rarely used today, serial ports formerly connected mice or modems.